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Luring in icefishers for Operation Bait Bucket

MIRIAM KING
Innisfil Examiner

At least three days a week and on weekends, Wil Wegman and his team from the Ministry of Natural Resources Aurora District head out onto the ice of Lake Simcoe to chat with ice anglers.

They're not checking up on fishing licences, but spreading the word about Operation Bait Bucket.

Now in its fourth year, Operation Bait Bucket educates anglers on the importance of purchasing local bait to prevent the transmission of fish viral diseases and the importance of not dumping live baitfish into the lake.

"We tell them we're not here checking fishing licences and we set them at ease right away," says Wegman. That opens the way for a dialogue on invasive species, how to prevent their spread from lake to lake, and how to dispose of leftover baitfish.

"We tell them please not to dump their leftover bait fish down the hole. That used to be common practice," Wegman notes.

It's now illegal, but the MNR has found it far more effective to talk to anglers, "and let them know why that's not the right thing to do. Anglers are interested in doing the right thing."

Among the invasive species that can be spread through dumping of baitfish are the round goby, rusty crayfish, spiny water flea, and Zebra mussels in the 'veliger' or free-floating stage, the latter two found in bait water.

All of the invaders have become established in Lake Simcoe, but there is still a chance, through an educated fishing population, to prevent their spread to northern lakes.

"We don't want to see Lake Simcoe become a vector for other lakes," Wegman says.

The response of ice anglers to Operation Bait Bucket has been positive.

"They love to see their taxpayer's dollars at work," Wegman notes, and to learn that money raised through fishing licences goes to fish and wildlife management and research across the province.

Wegman and his team haven't been able to get out every day they've wanted to, due to the wild weather this winter.

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MNR Photo

Aaron Law, with the Ministry of Natural Resources Aurora District, talks with ice anglers on Lake Simcoe's Kempenfelt Bay about Operation Bait Bucket.

Red Ensign flies again

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Ontario Heritage Week is Feb. 17 to 23 and to mark the occasion, the Innisfil Heritage Committee joined with Cecilia Burke, owner of The Original Flag Store in Thornton, to raise a historic flag at the Innisfil Town Hall.

The flag was the 1924 version of the Canadian Red Ensign. It flag incorporates the Union Jack of Great Britain, the three lions of London, the lion rampant of Scotland, the harp of Ireland and the Fleur-de-lis.

But unlike the standard version of the Red Ensign, the three maple leaves at the bottom of the crest were not red, but green.

Burke, a 'vexillologist' — or flag expert — explained that while the green was perhaps more realistic, it was not popular, and the flag was changed back the following year.

The leaves remained red until 1965, when the Red Ensign was replaced by today's red and white maple leaf flag.

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CAT COLONIES CORNERED?

Town considering feral cat program

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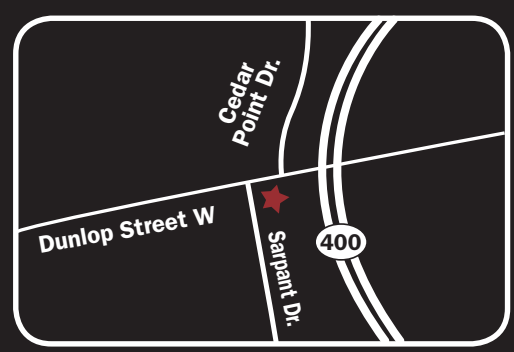

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High-risk takedown in Bradford

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BRADFORD — One of three men wanted in connection with a murder in Newmarket earlier this month was arrested in Bradford, Wednesday afternoon.

Bradford resident John Jansen — wanted for first degree murder in the double stabbing on Feb. 12 that left 65-year-old Newmarket resident Ronidy Roseborough dead and sent another man to hospital — was arrested without incident around 2 p.m. in a high-risk takedown by South Simcoe and York Regional police officers.

After a search by about 40 officers that began around 1 p.m. on Wednesday, he was located in an apartment on Holland Street West along with a 27-year-old woman who was also arrested and charged with an accessory after the fact. They were taken into custody by York Regional Police, who will be continuing with the murder investigation.

There was a strong police presence in Bradford earlier in the day — including emergency response officers, K-9 units as well as uniformed and traffic patrols — as police searched for Jansen, who was presumed to be armed and dangerous.

MIRIAM KING Innisfil Examiner

There was a strong police presence in Bradford on Wednesday afternoon as South Simcoe and York Regional police officers searched for murder suspect and Bradford resident John Jansen. He was arrested around 2 p.m. in a high-risk takedown.

Jansen, 38, was identified as one of three suspects being sought by York Regional Police in a double stabbing in Newmarket that took place around 10:30 p.m. on Feb. 12, in the Huron Heights and Davis drives area.

Council to decide on second NVCA representative

MIRIAM KING
Innisfil Examiner

What started as a simple appointment to the board of the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA) late last year recently turned into a major debate in council, amid complaints that proper procedure wasn't followed.

Deputy Mayor Dan Davidson, the town's lone representative on the NVCA board in 2013, had supported a recommendation that Innisfil appoint a second representative to the board to offset 'stacking' of the board by pro-development interests in other municipalities.

Based on population, the town was entitled to have two representatives, but had cut back to one to save the NVCA money.

With executive elections and the 2014 budget coming up in January, there was some urgency and Mayor Barb Baguley appointed Coun. Ken Simpson to sit as a second representative. It was when that appointment came to council to be ratified on Jan. 22 that debate heated up.

Although he agreed that Coun. Simpson would capably represent the interests of Innisfil, Coun. Doug Lougheed objected to the process, arguing that the mayor hadn't followed the procedure that had been followed for other council appointments to committees or boards.

He successfully had the decision put off until the Feb. 5 meeting of council and then, at that meeting, called for a deferral of the vote, "to follow the process this council has historically followed for appointments."

Council first passed another motion to reconsider the 2012 resolution that limited the number of representatives at the NVCA to one.

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opinion

We will need oil in the long run

There's no end in sight to the war of words about the environment and climate change.

Right now, record cold temperatures are leading some to wade into an argument over global warming. Don't take the bait. From anyone.

As Lorrie Goldstein reminded us in a January column entitled "The weather is not the climate," those on both the left and right often get it wrong.

"What bears repeating in the face of all this nonsense is that no single weather event proves or disproves anthropogenic (man-made) climate change, nor does one, or a few, warm or cold winters or summers, or a few active or dormant hurricane seasons," Goldstein wrote.

Which means, taking the short-term view and cherry-picking an event or two to prove your point is foolish.

Same goes for the related debate on Northern Gateway and Keystone.

Pipelines are developed for the long-term. And guess what? They'll be needed for the long-term.

Last week we published a graphic highlighting research from the Montreal Economic Institute.

"On an international level," we quoted, "Canada has a relatively small economy. Our GDP represents just 1.76% of global production. And yet we are one of the main producers of energy. Thanks to the diversity of our natural resources, Canada has become a leader in the production of several forms of energy." Interestingly enough, the energy industry makes up the second largest share of our GDP -- behind manufacturing - with 9.5%.

In other words, the industry as it currently stands is important. To those working in it. To those directly benefiting from it. And to all Canadians- who indirectly benefit.

Other details were interesting too. Like how the oil and gas industry paid $18 billion in taxes and royalties in 2012. Or how the industry provided 335,000 jobs that year.

These numbers will go up and down over the years.

The main long-term trend to take note of is a breakdown of Canada's energy demand for both 2012 and 2035.

Oil met 36% of demand in 2012. And in 2035? It's projected to be the same - 36%. The proportion of demand is expected to remain constant.

We're all for alternative energy, but it will have to develop naturally, according to market forces.

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Column

County boosting health care

CAL PATTERSON

SIMCOE COUNTY

In addition to funding and providing Long Term Care and Emergency Services to Simcoe County residents and visitors, the County of Simcoe has long been a major funding contributor to our regional hospitals.

While the funding of our area hospitals is legislated as a provincial responsibility, County Council chooses to provide additional funding because it recognizes and values the importance of superior health care to our residents and believes that we all deserve access to quality care close to home. This is a partnership that directly benefits our communities and residents by improving services that impact all of us.

Recognizing this, in 2007, Simcoe County Council committed $30 million in funding to the Simcoe County Hospital Alliance (SCHA) over a 10-year period to provide support for hospital capital projects across the County. The SCHA was established in 2002 and is comprised of the CEO's of all hospitals in Simcoe County, as well as Newmarket. The Southlake Regional Health Centre is included in the SCHA because it serves many County residents—particularly in the south. The group was formed to advise the County of each hospital's ongoing capital needs. Their goal is to ensure equitable distribution of available funding from the County to hospitals in the SCHA.

We are proud to contribute $3 million to the SCHA as our 2013 commitment to support capital projects at five or our area hospitals including Collingwood General & Marine Hospital, Georgian Bay General Hospital, Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre, Southlake Regional Health Centre and Stevenson Memorial Hospital.

Each year, the SCHA assesses the needs of our area hospitals and recommends funding be distributed accordingly. These monies will be used towards a variety of capital projects that contribute to the improvement of health care throughout the county.

An official cheque presentation to the SCHA will be held at the County of Simcoe Administration Centre on the morning of Thursday, Feb. 27.

The event demonstrates the County's strong partnership with the SCHA and our area hospitals, as well as Council's ongoing commitment to ensuring our residents have access to quality health care and world-class hospitals.

The quality of life of all our residents and visitors is often dependent on the strength of our hospitals and their staff and many volunteers.

The County of Simcoe has provided generous support to our local hospitals pledging to commit $62.2 million in funding from 1994 to 2016. Specifically, $20 million has been marked for the Simcoe Muskoka Regional Cancer Centre at the Royal Victoria Hospital.

We have almost reached our current funding commitment and look forward to building future partnership with health care providers throughout Simcoe County for the greater good of our communities and residents.

Cal Patterson is warden of Simcoe County

Letters

Use Olympic spirit for good

As I enjoy the excitement and patriotism of the Olympics, I am consistently disturbed about one aspect of this world event.

How many of the vulnerable people living in the area around the sports facilities and in the towns and cities of the host country have been displaced and moved out of view?

We know that every country hosting the games does this. We know Canada did this in Vancouver and you can be sure it has occurred in Sochi.

But very little is ever said and we are drawn into the excitement of the sports and the interest of the host culture and we forget about the victims of the games.

Why can't we come together as societies and be a collective voice from around the world stating to the International Olympic Committee that this is unacceptable behaviour and a human rights issue?

What about a proposal to take one past Olympic location for the Winter Games and one for the Summer Games and make it a permanent site for any future games?

Countries could apply to host the games at these locations and therefore bring their culture and gifts to the events. It would be much less expensive for any country looking to host and would free up funds to invest in poverty issues, and therefore no one is displaced and in fact their lives would improve.

The money spent on the Olympics is mind-boggling and would solve so many of our social problems.

I competed in speed skating at a provincial and Can-Am level in the 1970s, and so I am not a spoil sport with athletic endeavours.

But I do see that money is available in most countries, including Canada, to address and solve the issues of homelessness, affordable housing and poverty and we consistently do not choose to invest in this area.

Why not take the wonderful feelings we have about our country when the Games conclude and use this same good feeling to make a difference in our home community and in our country?

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Innisfil is considering a program to deal with colonies of feral cats in the town.

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Town pondering solution to feral cat colonies

MIRIAM KING
Innisfil Examiner

A multi-clawed program to deal with growing colonies of feral (wild) cats in Innisfil is being being considered by town council.

There are at least four known such colonies in Innisfil — Alcona, Sandycove, Belle Ewart and Cookstown — animal control officer Sheri Hall told councillors Wednesday night.

Hall said the vast majority of companion animals surrendered to shelters are cats, adding they have become "the new disposable pet."

A study by the Canadian Federation of Humane Societies surveyed municipalities, veterinarians and rescue organizations, 78% of which agreed there is a cat overpopulation problem. The study found the cat population is increasing at a rate faster than the human population, and that cats are overwhelming shelters across the country.

Abandoned animals are posing another serious problem: growing colonies of feral, or wild, cats, Hall said.

"In our communities we have people who love these feral cats," paying out of their own pockets to "love and nurture and ... protect these feral cats," she said, but neighbours are often upset, because of the smell, the defecation in gardens, and the loss of bird life.

In some areas, cats have attracted coyotes, who see them as a food source, drawing the predators close to settlement areas. Complaints have been increasing.

Hall proposed a solution to the burgeoning cat population and increasing number of feral cats: a feral cat catch — neuter/spay — release program.

Animal Control would provide the cages and traps, local cat rescue organizations would provide volunteer manpower, and local vets have agreed to provide special pricing for the spaying and neutering.

Hall would like to see the town become a partner, by providing a heated vacant building that could be used for the program for two to three days, and $10,000 in funding to address the three most "critical" cat colonies.

> **"We need to take more responsibility for these feral populations. There's no one stakeholder responsibility. It requires a community effort to solve it."**
>
> *Animal control officer Sheri Hall*

The goal would be to trap the feral cats — colony by colony — and sterilizing, identifying and inoculating the wild cats; adopting out kittens and mature cats friendly enough to be domesticated; placing others with farmers in need of barn cats for rodent control; and returning the rest to their original colony.

"We need to take more responsibility for these feral populations," Hall said, noting that the colonies are also breeding grounds for diseases. "There's no one stakeholder responsibility. It requires a community effort to solve it."

She also emphasized how important the veterinary co-operation is to the program. Under ordinary circumstances, it can take three trips to the veterinarian and about $500 to spay/neuter and inoculate one feral cat. The average cost of neutering is $240; the average cost of spaying, $375, "which is why cats have become such a disposable pet."

Coun. Lynn Dollin supported the program.

"Ten thousand dollars this year could save us a lot more next year. I think it's definitely worth it." She noted that bylaw enforcement is already looking at proposals, including a move to limit the number of cats per household, and asked that the proposal be referred to staff, to be addressed in the upcoming report from the manager of municipal law.

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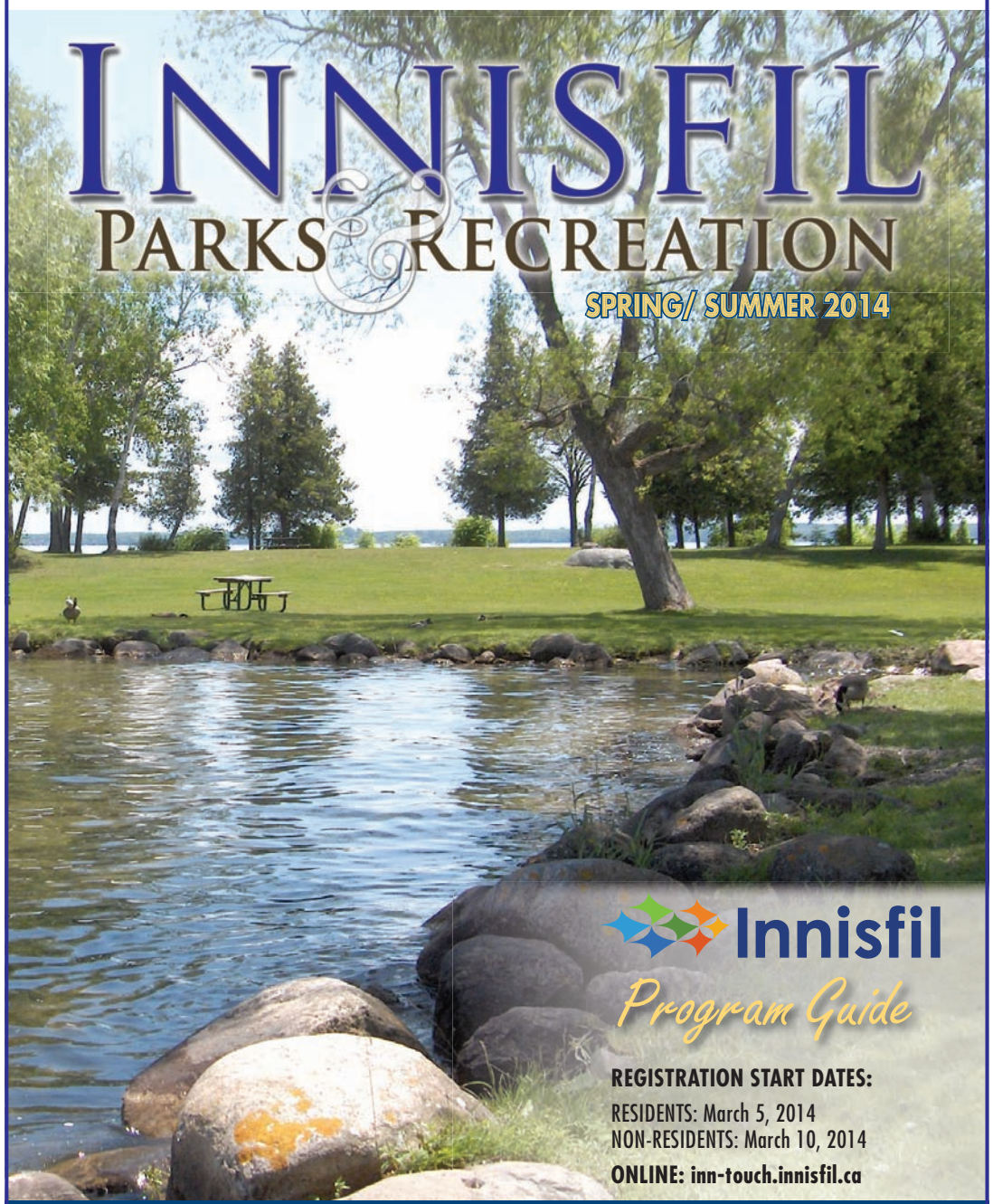

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FEB. 22

The 10th annual Fishing for Tyler ice fishing derby will take place Saturday, Feb. 22, at the Innisfil Beach Park boat launch, a fundraiser for Tyler French, now a 17-year old teen struggling with Autism Spectrum Disorder. The derby was launched as a way to help the Innisfil family pay for the intensive therapies to help Tyler. Register beginning at 6 a.m.; weigh-in by 1 p.m. Prizes for the biggest fish by length. Cost to register is a minimum donation of $10, for those 16 and older. Kids under 16 are free - but donations are welcomed. There will also be a fundraising BBQ, by donation. Help raise money to help Tyler get the intensive therapy he needs. Anglers between the ages of 18 and 65 must have a valid fishing licence.

MAR. 1

The Thornton Lions fifth annual Community Chili Challenge takes place on Saturday, March 1 at the Lions Hall from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Entrants must supply two crock pots of chili and costumes or presentation as well as a supply table covering and serving utensils. The Lions will provide one table, electric hookup, bread/buns, beverages, napkins, bowls and spoons. There will be room for three or four participants at each table. Lions will charge $5 per person to taste and judge the chili. They will then vote for best chili and best presentation. Proceeds will go to Lions community projects. Get involved and extend the challenge to any groups you think might like to participate. Contact Lion Warren Baguley at 458-9358 or info@thornton-lions.com prior to Feb. 20 to enter a team in the Chili Challenge to be one of the teams to vie for prizes.

MAR. 16

Churchill United Church in Innisfil is holding a St. Patrick's Day supper featuring hame, scalloped potatoes, vegetables, home-made pie, tea and coffee. The cost is $15 for adults, $7 for kids 12 and under. A family of four can eat for $40. There are two sittings: 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Entertainment will be provided from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. For information, call Grace at 705-456-2748 or Mark at 705-436-3763.

APR. 12

On Saturday, Apr. 12 Alan Rhody performs a live concert at Music Up Close House Concerts at 2226 Richard St. in Innisfil beginning at 8 p.m. with a suggested minimum donation of $20 per seat. Call Peter @705-436-3927 to reserve your seats. Coffee and treats served at intermission. Visit www.musicupclose.com for more info.

APR. 19

The Rotary Club of Innisfil holds its second annual Celebration by the Lake Gala, on Saturday, April 19, at the Kempenfelt Conference Centre, 3722 Fairway Rd. in Innisfil. The evening will include dining, dancing, Live and Silent auctions, prizes - and the presentation of Innisfil's Unsung Heroes awards to two residents, an adult and a Youth. The awards will be presented to two individuals who best exemplify the Rotary motto of "Service above Self." There are many citizens who assist, volunteer their time, or contribute to their community, who do not seek recognition for their community-minded service; the awards offer an opportunity to honour these "Unsung Heroes." Nomination forms are available online at www.innisfilrotary.com, and at several businesses in Innisfil, or from any Rotarian. For more information, tickets, or to offer sponsorship, contact Anne Kell, ankeipl@gmail.com or 705-456-3528, or visit the Rotary Club of Innisfil on Facebook.

localbriefs

SWERVING DRIVER ARRESTED

A 49-year-old Innisfil man lost his licence for three days after a police officer spotted him swerve to avoid a median Saturday morning. According to South Simcoe Police, an officer patrolling Innisfil Beach Road around 9 a.m. spotted a westbound vehicle swerve to avoid a median.

When the officer stopped the vehicle to talk to the driver, he determined the man had consumed a large quantity of alcohol the night before and he registered a warning on a roadside screening device.

LANDLORD THREATENED

A local woman faces five criminal charges after her landlord was threatened and a police officer was assaulted Sunday.

South Simcoe police were called to a home during the lunch hour that day after a landlord reported that a tenant had threatened her, and kicked at her and her dog.

Officers located a tenant who was intoxicated, police said, despite having a probation order not to drink.

She was arrested and taken to South Division.

But once in cells, she banged her head off the wall to get attention. Police say she then assaulted an officer attending to her wound.

A 25-year-old woman is charged with assault, threatening, assaulting police and two counts of breaching her probation.

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* Homes in South East Barrie (up to $400k)
* Kempenfelt Bayside Estates or Shoreview (up to $900k)
* Waterfront home with decent frontage & privacy (up to $1.6M)
* Tollendale area (up to $850k)
* In-town bungalows with mature property (up to $500k)
* Small ranch bungalow, northeast Barrie (up to $375k)
* Innisbrook Estates, Innisfil Heights & Forest Valley Drive
* Mature Allandale or Sunnidale areas (up to $450k)
* Homes $300k or less requiring substantial work (investment)
* 5+2 bedroom home in Barrie or Innisfil (up to $950k)
* Large walk-out bungalow with triple garage (up to $875k)

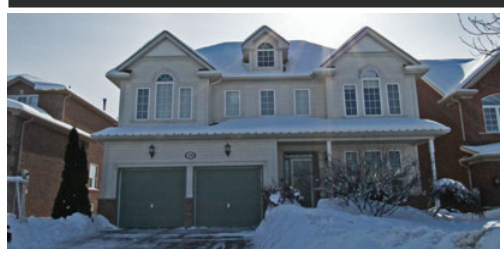
Please call if you are interested in selling your home.

$499,900 ★NEW LISTING!★

- Extremely desirable lakeside cove neighborhood
- Literally steps from Lake Simcoe & Tyndale Park
- Open concept bungalow w/ finished bsmt
- Countless upgrades (granite, hardwood, 9' ceilings, cathedral ceilings...)

This won't last long, call today!

$450,000 ★NEW LISTING!★



- Great new listing in desirable South East Barrie location
- Large 4 bedroom home with nice layout
- Soaring 2 story Great Room
- Hardwood, open concept, freshly painted, custom built-ins and more

Call Trish today for your viewing!

$414,900 ★NEW LISTING!★

- Great new listing in Forest Beach Estates
- Loaded with upgrades!
- Outstanding professionally finished basement!
- Quick access to lakefront park & all amenities
- Well finished and great neighborhood!

$899,900 ★ JUST WOW! ★ ID#79746A

- Extremely desirable in-town estate area
- Huge 1.5 acre property
- Over 7,000 sqft finished
- 7 bedrooms and 4+1 baths
- Huge circular driveway
- Multi-level in-law apartment!
- 18x36 in ground salt water pool
- Awesome rec room overlooking pool area

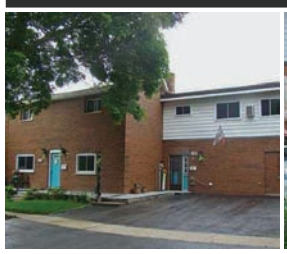
$749,000 ★WHY RENT A SHOP WHEN YOU CAN OWN?★ ID#48705A

Totally updated 113 year old character home on gorgeous 1 acre property features a huge 105'x40' shop with a heated/finished area and endless income potential. 3 finished flrs, 4 level elevator and over 2600 sqft finished. If you rent a shop, you should be looking at this property. Ultra convenient location at the doorstep of Barrie.

$184,900 ★MAINTENANCE FREE!★ ID#91996A

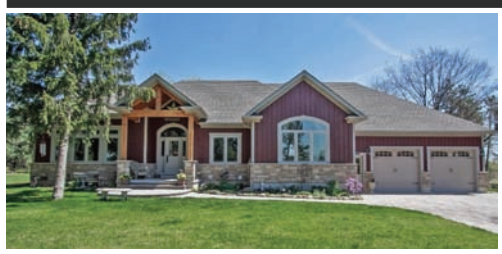
- Maintenance free living!
- Locker unit & covered parking included!
- Walking distance to all amenities
- Short drive to Barrie, Collingwood skiing, beaches of Wasaga &marinas of Midland
- 5 appliances included!
- 9' ceilings & in-floor heating

$489,900 ★ ATTENTION INVESTORS!!★ ID#100266A



Legal triplex. Complex includes (1) 3 bdrm/2 bath unit, (2) 1 bdrm/1 bath unit + granny suite....all generating income. Nicely landscaped yard with shared access inground pool. Shared coin laundry, large storage shed, hardwood floors and 2 fireplaces. 100% occupied & rents out very easily.

$729,000 ★COMING SOON! ★



Custom built beauty in a great commuter location. Impressive stone & timber frame entrance. Open concept layout with 11' high custom great room ceiling. Outstanding workmanship throughout. Highlights: natural oil hardwood, flat ceilings, all wood trim, ball bearing hinges, in-clg sprinklers, multiple fire places, huge kitchen with solid surfaces, built-in appls, crown, pot lights...

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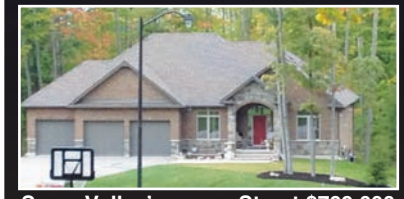
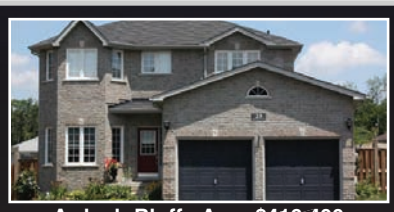
$1,695,000
Extraordinary architecturally designed Custom home on 1.7 acre treed estate. 7600 sq ft beautifully quality finished, including the indoor pool area. Amazing windows & skylights, soaring ceilings, & so much to see. Midves Crt. MLS 1400545



Snow Valley's newer Street $799,000
Stylish quality custom open concept bungalow on quiet private cul-de-sac, forest surrounds. Walkout nicely finished basement. Beautiful kitchen. Cathedral window wall & large deck Luxurious master & ensuite – elegant tub & separate glass shower. Inspiring! Heron Blvd. MLS 1400359



Ardagh Bluffs Area $416,400
Modified 2430 sq ft home, [illegible] concept, 9' ceilings, hardwood & [illegible] throughout the main [illegible] 4 [illegible] room, front office, [illegible] cupboard space, gas F/P, [illegible] & view! Family friendly cul-de-sac, Springwood Crt. MLS 1400643

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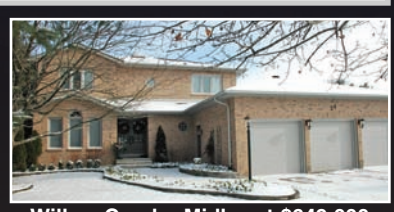

Willow Creek - Midhurst $649,000
Well maintained, updated stylish home backing on Willow Creek, inground pool, decking, patios, gardens, awnings. Grand staircase, open plan kitchen overlooks family room & yard, luxurious ensuite, granite, hardwood, ceramics, finished basement. Cairns Blvd. MLS 1307393

27 Acre Estate + 2 Shops $795,000
Well maintained lovely home, over 4800 sq ft finished, triple garage, laneways, pool, gardens, patios, & porches. Nicely set back, private amongst trees, ravine, & stream. Updated kitchen & baths, hardwood, granite. Truly Special! Moonstone Rd W. MLS 1400372

Lakeside Living $474,900
Lake Simcoe setting, prime location across from Kempenfelt Bay, mature 68' x 144' lot, picturesque street. Renovated open concept home with updated interior, larger than it looks. Kempenfelt Dr. MLS 1305349

Custom Home - Midhurst $610,000
Spacious open concept home [illegible] nicely in the trees & nature. 4 bedrooms, [illegible] maintained, hardwood [illegible] updated kitchen w/ granite & [illegible] overlooking family room [illegible] oversized garage & much more. Par[illegible] MLS 1306520

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East End Barrie $464,800
Sought after street with views of Kempenfelt Bay. Bungalow w/ finished walkout lower level. Updated kitchen & baths, 4 bedrooms, hardwood, granite, 2 gas fireplaces, stainless appliances, beautifully landscaped. Steps to the beach & walking paths. Codrington St. MLS 1306742

Vacant Land - Prime Location $374,900
Approximately 24.5 acres of beautifully wooded relatively level land in prime location between Snow Valley Highlands and Stone Gate. Future development potential and minutes to Barrie, Snow Valley ski hill, golf and more. Barrie Hill Rd. MLS 1304938

7 Acres – Shanty Bay $349,000
A piece of beautiful land minutes to RVH, Barrie, & Lake Simcoe. Older home needs much work – mostly land value here – build your dream home in a rural setting yet close to everything. Golf & hwy access nearby. Line 2 S. MLS 1307286

Dundonald & Theresa St $688,000
Prime East End Barrie loca[illegible] charming 4,000 sq ft well m[illegible]tained [illegible] 5 [illegible]edroom century [illegible] large [illegible] treed lot. Co[illegible] & double garage. [illegible] detail, a special property. Dundonald St. MLS 1307870

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Innisbrook Estates
9.8 acres
$1,499,000
Custom built over 7250 sq ft finished on 3 levels, 5 bdrms, 5 baths, cathedral ceilings, elevator, beautiful interior finishing's, windows, staircases, foyers & neighboring homes. Large principal rooms, extensive landscaping, decks, & patios. Impressive! Innisbrook St. MLS 1400659

Exceptional Waterfront Home
$2,799,000
Never occupied, quality workmanship, fine detailing, beautiful open plan, magnificent windows. Stylish post & bean covered patio overlooking fantastic landscaped waterfront with stone, gardens, and powerful view! Greenwood Forest Rd. MLS 1306481

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East End Family Home $349,900
Lovely 4 bedroom home on quiet street close to 400 access, shopping, hospital, & Lake Simcoe. Large fenced pie lot with shed. Open concept plan, family room gas F/P, ensuite, rec room, main floor office, central air & vac. Brighton Rd. MLS 1400354

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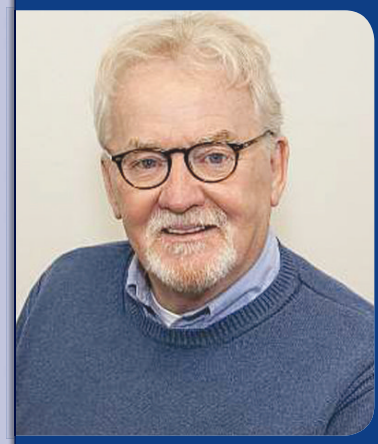

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Boost your home's energy efficiency

(NC) Aside from replacing light bulbs and buying energy-rated appliances, any homeowner that is serious about money-saving efficiency is assessing their entire house.

It's estimated that heating and cooling accounts for as much as 62 percent of a Canadian home's annual energy consumption. In many cases, the amount of air escaping from cracks and gaps in the building envelope can have a significant impact on the overall efficiency of the heating and cooling system.

Escaping air means the furnace or air-conditioner must work overtime to compensate and to maintain a comfortable living temperature. This results in high energy use and of course, high bills.

Consider the quality of the insulation. While some homeowners may think simply layering more insulation on top of existing insulation will do the trick, typically these traditional insulation types are unable to provide a thorough air seal or promote better heating and cooling efficiency. In fact, all the small gaps left behind by regular insulation materials (like fibreglass) can add up quickly.

One consideration is replacing traditional insulation with high-performance spray foam insulation, which air-seals and insulates to stop air leakage from occurring. This allows homeowners to reduce energy consumption, effectively control their indoor environments and live greener. Leading brand, Icynene explains:

When installed, spray foam insulation expands to completely seal a home's walls, floors and ceilings to prevent air leakage. Insulation experts from Icynene note that quality spray foam insulation can noticeably reduce heating and cooling costs, in some cases by up to 50 percent. More information can be found at www.icynene.com.

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$184,900.00 Carefree Living in Elmvale: Welcome to Maplecrest Court, an adult lifestyle community located in Elmvale. New appointed units offer quality and design you come to expect from Hedbern Homes. 1 & 2 bedroom units available and range from 787 sq. Feet to 1321 sq. Feet. Prices range from $184,900.00 to $279,900.00. Exquisite finishes include 9 foot ceilings, ceramic tiles in all wet areas, in suite laundry and 6 appliances included. Don't delay please call Elaine or Al to set up a appointment. MLS # Various

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2297 Taylorwood

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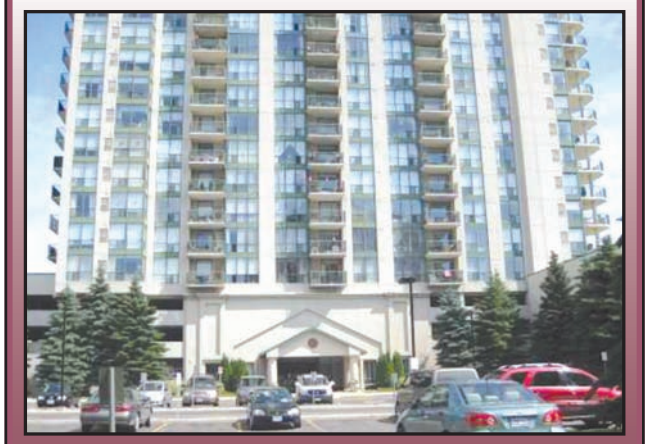

POPULAR MARINA BAY CONDO!
Sought-after corner unit with solarium kitchen, nice bay view. 2 bdrm/2 baths, updated kitchen, baths, carpet & appliances. 2 parking spots. $299,900.

Be prepared, take precautions when dealing with severe weather

(NC)— Mother Nature reminded Canadians just who is boss, as she recently unleashed severe or atypical weather right across the country. Whether it was unexpected volumes of snow, ice storms and high winds, or just freezing temperatures, one thing was clear: how we prepare for and endure severe weather can literally mean life or death.

The following checklist can help keep your family safe. It is provided by home safety expert Carol Heller of Kidde Canada, a leading home fire safety company.

If the power goes out, never use a barbecue as a source of heat or run gas generators indoors or in a garage...even if the garage door is open. Carbon monoxide fumes can pass through the walls of your home and expose your family to the invisible and deadly gas.

Make sure all hardwired or plug-in smoke and carbon monoxide alarms have battery backup. This will keep them operating if you lose power. Otherwise you are not protected.

After extended power outages, replace the backup battery in your alarms in case the extended use drained it completely.

All gas-fired devices must be vented, so be sure to clear outdoor vents of deep snow or other debris.

If you use candles to provide light, make sure that they are contained in glass jars well away from flammable materials such as drapes and table cloths. And extinguish them when you go to bed.

The website www.safeathome.ca also offers more family safety tips.

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Directions: Blake Street To Shanty Bay Road

5TH FLOOR WITH AMAZING VIEW

Overlooking Kempenfelt Bay and the City. Highly desirable Bayclub! Bright/spacious 3 bedroom, 2 bath Loon condo complete with sunken living room. Upgraded Canac Kitchen with Corian Countertops. Large screened in balcony with panoramic view over the city and Kempenfelt Bay. Indoor parking and large locker.

MOTIVATED SELLER/LIKE BRAND NEW!

Bright and spacious 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo that was initially the model unit. Less then a year old this stunning condo features ceramic flooring, upgraded laminate, stainless steel appliances, In Unit laundry, convenient heated underground parking, roomy private balcony and lots more. Comes with all 5 appliances and offers low condo fees. Call for more info.

SANDY COVE ACRES

2 bdrm, 2 bath home located in stress free Sandy Cove Acres. This adult community is a lifestyle for those wanting walking distance to all amenities. Enjoy rec centers, library, pools and loads of other activities. Home offers open concept layout, newer high-end windows (2008), newer roof, all new flooring throughout, updated bathroom. All 5 appliances, central A/C, awning, shed and 2 parking spots with this home. Great curb appeal. Call for more info.

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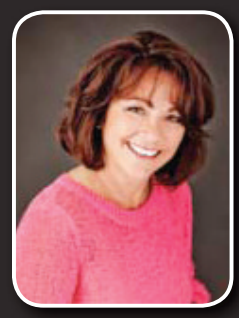

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(NC) If the thought of the reawakening real estate market excites you, you may be ready to buy a home. Aspiring homeowners will need to have a few things locked down before taking the plunge.

"Above all else, homeownership needs to make sense financially," says Phil Dorner, president of the Ontario Real Estate Association. "Market conditions, mortgage rates, investment opportunities – all of these factors are important, but they should not be the only reasons for buying a home."

According to Dorner, you'll know you're ready to buy a home when:

You're familiar with the market – You've discussed options with your Realtor and you're familiar with home prices in the neighbourhoods you're considering.

You know how much you can afford – You've worked out how much is required for the down payment and closing costs, as well as monthly mortgage payments and other expenses like utilities, insurance, property taxes and maintenance.

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"If you checked all or most of these points, you may be ready to buy a home," says Dorner. "It's a big step, but it's also an enjoyable and extremely rewarding one."

More information is available at www.wedothehomework.ca.

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Help improve child safety in the home

(NC)— Safety is a concern for everyone, especially parents. An important part of raising children is careful supervision of their activities in the home. Parents need to be aware of their children's surroundings at all times in order to anticipate and prevent potential injury. Here are few tips from Sally Morse, designer and creative director of the window fashions company Hunter Douglas, which offers a wide variety of products that eliminate window covering lift cords or substantially reduce access to them:

- Position cribs and beds away from windows.
- Use safety straps on chests of draws and TVs (depending on the age of your child).
- Make sure all area rugs have anti-slip padding.
- Use window guards.
- Use door stops to help prevent doors from fully closing and any fingers from being squashed.
- Don't have any toys or objects small enough that they can pass through a toilet paper cardboard roll.
- Use cordless window coverings.

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(NC) – Crow's feet? Slather on wrinkle cream. Grey hairs? Get thee to a beauty salon. When it comes to beauty issues, we fight with all our might to fix them.

Shouldn't this be the same with our home? Often it gets a little down at the heels – the floors, furniture, and interior architecture – and we haven't noticed, let alone done anything about it.

Not to worry, says designer Sally Morse, the director of creative services for Hunter Douglas, a leading window fashions manufacturer. "There are dozens of ways to update your house that are neither difficult nor time-consuming."

Here are a few of Sally's best suggestions:

The world is at your feet

Flooring is the anchor of any design scheme, and changing it instantly creates a more up-to-date appearance. Replace wall-to-wall carpeting, which looks dated, with shiny hardwood or polished concrete. Throw down a faux cowhide or two if you feel a little "warmth" is needed.

Dress the windows up…or down

The key to modernizing window treatments is to make changes that not only look good, but allow the window to perform more efficiently. Have you had mini-blinds since the 1960s? Consider exchanging them for versatile Vignette Modern Roman Shades for a more formal, yet still leisurely aspect.

Making your window treatment upgrade even more current, Hunter Douglas offers a free Platinum App that allows to you control its motorized products by shade, room, time, or activity with a mere tap on your Apple device.

If draperies grace the windows, spiff them up with an interesting trim, maybe shells or glass beads. Of course, layers of fabric alone rarely give you all the functional benefits of a covering that combines blinds or shades.

Fresh-faced

Kitchens are among the first rooms to show their age. One way to fix them up is to reface cabinet doors. There are a variety of stylish facades available that are installed over existing frames for a perfect fit and enhanced functionality, and you can customize many details too, from drawer glides to ornamental accents.

The good kind of mold

Many older homes lack molding, a polished detail that gives any room the designer touch.

"When it comes to selecting the motif, think about the overall feel of the room," advises Sally. "For example, you wouldn't want molding à la Palace of Versailles in an airy loft, nor something plain in a palatial salon. They should complement each other."

Look for everything from rosettes to encircle a ceiling's hanging light fixture to attractive baseboards and trim for ceilings, doors and windows.

Your own special touch

Just as you accessorize your wardrobe to suit your lifestyle, do the same with your home. Old-fashioned bedside table left over from childhood? Replace it with a clean-lined chair or stool with a flat, wide seat, marvelous for holding a small lamp, clock and water glass. Victorian-era bathroom? Paint the claw-footed tub, and slipcover a chair with terrycloth to match – very spa-like and fun.

Were you willed a set of damask-upholstered, gilded chairs from the 1800s? Make them 'yours' by recovering them with something chic and unusual like zebra print or faux leather.

"There's nothing like changing the décor to update an entire house." says Morse. "And be brave. Unlike a real facelift, much of what you do in your home can be easily and inexpensively changed again if need be."

More information is available online at www.hunterdouglas.ca.

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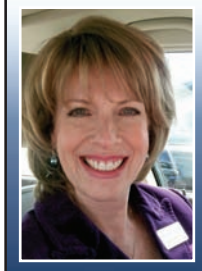

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Ingredients

6-8 pound pork shoulder
3 tbsp. yellow mustard
2-3 handfuls of wood chips - soaked

Rub

1 cup brown sugar
1/2 cup chili powder
1/3 cup paprika
1/4 cup celery salt
1/4 cup garlic powder
1/4 cup onion salt
1/4 cup black pepper
1/4 cup white pepper
1 tbsp. dry mustard
1 tbsp. 5-spice powder
1 tbsp. dry ginger
Mop (an authentic basting tool)
2 cups apple juice
1 cup apple cider vinegar
1 cup water
4 tbsp. barbecue rub (from above)
Boil for 3 – 5 minutes, stirring constantly, cool overnight

Finishing Touches
2 cups barbecue sauce

Directions

Prepare rub, mop and barbecue sauce the night before. Rub pork shoulder with yellow mustard, cover with rub, and let rest for half an hour before placing on your barbecue. Set your barbecue for indirect grilling at 225°F. In a gas barbecue, use a smoker box for your wood chips; for charcoal barbecues, place a handful of soaked wood chips on the surface of the charcoal. Place the pork shoulder on the barbecue, close the lid. Begin coating with apple juice mop an hour into the cooking process and continue to baste every half hour. Leave pork on grill until the internal temperature of the pork reaches 185°-190° F. This could take from 6 to 10 hours, depending on weather conditions. Monitor the internal temperature of the pork using a meat thermometer. Once it has reached a temperature remove it from the barbecue, wrap it tightly in foil and allow it to rest for at least an hour before pulling. Do not skip this step, as it is the final step in allowing the connective tissue to completely break down, resulting in tender, moist pork. Shred using pork claws or a meat fork. Mix with barbecue sauce and enjoy.

Important Preparation Tips:

· Purchase a pork shoulder with a nice fat cap. There is a lot of flavour and moisture there, so leave it on.
· Keep the cooking temperature inside the barbecue constant at approximately 225°F.
· Take the guess work out of grilling by using a meat thermometer to monitor the internal temperature of the meat.

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Beware of snowbanks

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The massive amounts of snow we have received this winter have caused us all sorts of grief.

From bad driving conditions to having to shovel our driveways repeatedly, all of this snow has meant some very large snowbanks have built up on the side of streets and driveways.

While these large snowbanks can be a hindrance when reversing out of your driveway, they have a more subtle danger.

Kids love snow; playing, building, throwing snowballs. When large snowbanks exist, the temptation to build snow forts and tunnels can be hard to overcome.

But tunneling in snowbanks is extremely dangerous. Snow from the road is mixed with sand and salt, and can decompose at any time.

Fluctuations in temperature can cause a tunnel to cave in, trapping kids inside. Suffocation is a real danger and even if they can breathe, hypothermia can set in in minutes. Plows can come by at any time to cut back or add to the snowbanks, even on days without snowfall.

A child could be trapped or hit by the snowplow if playing too close to the road.

Remind your children of the dangers of tunneling in snowbanks, the dangers of playing next to the road, and the need for common sense.

Supervise your kids at play, and let's not have a tragedy.

MIRIAM KING Innisfil Examiner

Someone took advantage of the steep banks of snow on either side of Yonge Street south of Fennell's Corners to send a message to the Canadian athletes participating in the Winter Olympics, in Sochi. Police are reminding parents to stop their children from playing in snowbanks near roadways.

NVCA-related issue coming to council

FROM PAGE 3

Then Lougheed asked for more time,for councillors interested in sitting on the NVCA board to put their names in for consideration.

His resolution called for the appointment to be discussed and decided in camera in a closed door session "to follow the process which this council has historically followed for appointments." He was told that the normal procedure was for the mayor to nominate a candidate, and council to then confirm the appointment by resolution. The appointment of a councillor in camera is never done, and would not be appropriate, staff advised.

The only departure from the standard: this time, the mayor hadn't asked all councillors to submit their names for consideration if they wished to sit on the NVCA Board.

Baguley said that she could circulate an e-mail asking for names; if more than one qualified individual expresses interest, a name could be drawn from a hat for the appointment. Debate continued for 40 minutes before an amended resolution was passed deferring the vote until all interested parties submitted their names, and a choice of representative made in time for the Feb. 19 meeting.

Under the town's procedural bylaw, a motion to defer is not debatable or amendable. After the meeting, Lougheed explained that he was not opposed to Simpson being appointed.

"What I wanted considered... (is) that only Ward 1 (my Ward) and Ward 7 (Lynn Dollin's Ward) are the only wards to have NVCA lands within Innisfil. All other wards are entirely contained within the LSRCA boundary."

With major decisions coming up on the South Innisfil Drain, Lougheed said, "It is my opinion that a Ward 1 or 7 appointee to the NVCA Board may have greater touch with this issue and others, including electoral accountability."

And yes, he said, he does intend to submit his name for consideration.

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Lakeshore branch of Innisfil library relocating to ideaLAB

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The Lakeshore branch of the Innisfil Public Library will be travelling to a new, temporary home.

The library will be relocated to the Innisfil ideaLAB, 873 Innisfil Beach Rd. during the construction period for the expansion and renovation of the current branch.

The Lakeshore branch will officially close on Wednesday, Feb. 26 at 5 p.m. A smooth transition to the new location will require the ideaLAB to be closed Thursday, Feb. 27, Friday Feb. 28 and Saturday March 1, with service commencing on Tuesday March 4 at the new temporary location.

"We identified the need to move the branch operations to another location as the safest, most efficient and cost effective manner to deal with the construction at the Lakeshore branch," said chief librarian and CEO Susan Downs.

"We have worked hard to minimize the actual shut-down of branch operations and can assure the community that the library will continue to offer the same excellent level of customer service and experience within its new home at the ideaLAB," she added.

Library customers are invited to visit the Stroud (7883 Yonge St.), Churchill (2282 4th Line) and Cookstown (20 Church St.) branches during the transition period when both the Lakeshore branch and ideaLAB will be closed.

The ideaLAB will continue to deliver the same quality programs, services and welcoming environment the community is accustomed to, Downs said.

"Integrating our current branch operations within the ideaLAB will be an exciting opportunity for the community to discover more about the creative tools and software we have been experimenting with, such as our laser cutter, vinyl cutter and creative digital media software," she said.

The hours of operation for the ideaLAB as of Tuesday March 4 will be:

Sunday/Monday: Closed; Tuesday – Friday: 9:30 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. and Saturday: 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

The construction for the Lakeshore branch expansion project will begin in March 2014, with an anticipated completion date of mid-2015.

Best icefishing conditions in 10 years: MNR official

FROM PAGE 1

But when they do get out, they've noticed some trends on Lake Simcoe.

There are fewer permanent ice huts out this year and more of the light portable huts, almost a 50-50 split. Uncertain winter conditions for the past few years have meant that "more and more people want to be more mobile on the ice," Wegman explains.

As for fishing conditions, "We have the best ice conditions we've had in at least 10 years," he says. "Fishing has been okay, but not spectacular. We have seen some good lake trout, more whitefish than last year, and of course, our jumbo perch."

And there's still plenty of time in the season for fishing to improve.

Red Ensign flag on display at Innisfil Town Hall during Heritage Week

FROM PAGE 1

As the 1924 Red Ensign was raised on Feb. 14, Burke noted, "It's the first time I've seen that flag flown." The flag will be on display in the lobby of the Innisfil Town Hall during Heritage Week.

Burke talked about the importance of flags and how much more seriously people took the national symbol, in the past.

The Red Ensign was designed to be flown on land; there was a Blue Ensign, with a blue background, that was to be flown only on the water.

The penalty for flying the Blue Ensign on land was a $2,000 fine, or 21 days in jail.

MIRIAM KING Innisfil Examiner

Innisfil Heritage Committee members, from left, David Steele, Coun. Ken Simpson, Ileen Sabean and (at back) Coun. Doug Lougheed and William Kell join Cecilia Burke (at right) of The Original Flag Store, in raising the 1924 Canadian Red Ensign to mark Ontario Heritage Week on Friday, Feb. 14.

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Bowl for Kids' Sake making a difference

IAN MCINROY
Innisfil Examiner

An hour or two of fun will be making a world of difference for some Barrie-area youngsters.

The annual Big Brothers Big Sisters Barrie District Bowl for Kids' Sake — the organization's premier fundraising event — will once again see hundreds of participants bowling for strikes and making a positive difference in the lives of 'Littles'.

This year's Bowl for Kids' Sake — running from March 17-27 at Bowlerama Barrie at the Bayfield Mall — is made possible thanks to the efforts of Barrie and area radio stations, businesses and title sponsor TD Bank, according to Barrie Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) executive director Marianne Arbour.

"Bowl for Kids' Sake is our largest fundraising event of the year and the involvement of local businesses is so important to its success," she said. "Many participants from local businesses collect pledges on our behalf and have a wonderful time bowling and winning prizes. It's great fun for businesses, families, friends and neighbours to get involved."

Last year, approximately 1,200 participants — or about 300 teams — bowled in the event.

"We hope to increase that number this year. We would like people to know that they can come out to one of our events, bowl for an hour and help us match more kids to Bigs," Arbour said. "Businesses from various sectors participate in the events, from the construction industry, financial institutions, realtors and insurance companies.

"Each year we seem to have new participants."

Title sponsor TD will have more than 120 employees fill all 32 lanes of the Bowlerama on March 25, she added.

In 2013, Big Brothers Big Sisters Barrie District served 399 kids through seven different mentoring programs, including group mentoring, in-school mentoring and after-school mentoring.

There are currently 39 kids waiting for a mentor in the traditional Big Brother/Sister mentoring program and several more in the school-based programs, Arbour said.

MARK WANZEL Photo

Riley Roberts, 10, is excited to meet some new friends at this year's Bowl for Kids' Sake. The annual fundraiser helps to support the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Barrie and District, which offers life-changing relationships that inspire and empower children and youth to reach their potential.

"Having a mentor Big Brother or Big Sister is vital in kids' lives," she said. "It gives them the opportunity to experience things they may otherwise not be able to, increases their belief that school is important and helps them become more confident about doing well in school.

"They will be less likely to bully or be bullied and it helps them deal with peer pressure by giving them a caring adult that they can talk to about issues they are having," Arbour added. "It also positively impacts their life by providing them with someone they can count on to be there on a regular basis and who will help them make good life choices."

Arbour said mentors derive great satisfaction from knowing they've had a part to play in helping children reach their potential.

"Mentors tell us they think they are having more fun than the kids are. They have fun, share things and develop a friendship that can last forever," she said. "It's a good break from their work days or regular routines. One Big Sister recently told us that it was an enriching experience for her."

Investing in Big Brothers Big Sisters is also good for the local economy, she added.

"Big Brothers and Big Sisters mentoring programs generate enormous financial and societal value," Arbour said.

Participants in the Big Brothers Big Sisters Barrie District Bowl for Kids' Sake are asked to call BBBS at 705-728-0515 to register. Each participant is asked to raise a minimum of $30 in pledges.

Hosting Toronto 2015 Pan Am games event comes with a cost

MIRIAM KING
Innisfil Examiner

Being a host municipality for an international event comes at a cost.

The Town of Innisfil will be hosting the shooting competitions for the Toronto 2015 Pan American and Parapan American Games at the Toronto International Trap and Skeet Club, east of Cookstown.

To meet the expected costs of participation and promotion, Innisfil council approved a new Pan Am/ParaPan Am Games Account in the amount of $100,000, for 2014 and 2015.

The funds will come from the Alternate Revenue Source reserve fund — monies from the OLG Slots at Georgian Downs — and not tax dollars.

A report to council pointed out that the host facility is privately owned, although it will be receiving funding from the federal government to upgrade to world class standards.

IAN MCINROY Innisfil Examiner

Officials gather at the Toronto International Trap and Skeet Club in January for the announcement of the shooting event coming to Innisfil.

The town is not expected to face any financial involvement in the upgrades.

But it will be expected to provide some security through the South Simcoe police, as well as local administration support for the TO2015 organizing committee through staff time and resources.

The $100,000 budget will be used to offset staff time and incurred costs.

The town is also being asked to promote the games, to reach out to the community to help engage the approximately 200 volunteers who will be needed to assist during the week of the games.

Volunteers will also be needed to provide transportation support for the athletes to bring them the 'final mile' from the Nottawasaga Inn Resort near Alliston, where they will be staying, to the venue.

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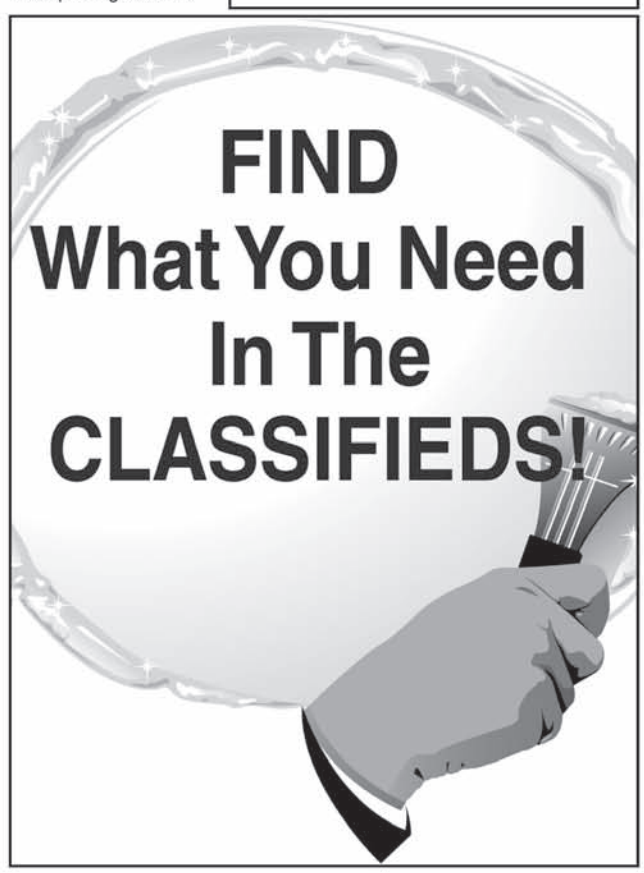

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Wednesday, March 19, 2014
- **7:15 pm** Regular Council Meeting

Board/Committee Meetings

Pitch-In Committee
February 24, 2014 at 7:00 p.m., Town Hall Community Rooms B&C

Bradford West Gwillimbury/Innisfil Police Services Board
March 3, 2014 at 7:00 pm, South Division Station, Jonkman Community Room

Accessibility Advisory Committee
March 11, 2014 at 1:00 pm, Town Hall, Community Rooms B&C

Economic Development Advisory Committee
March 13, 2014 at 1:00 pm, Town Hall, Meeting Room 3

Committee of Adjustment
March 13, 2014 at 1:30 pm, Town Hall, Council Chambers

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The application deadline is **Friday, March 21, 2014 at 4:30 p.m.**
Visit the Town's web page at www.innisfil.ca for details.

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